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EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL - JANUARY 27, 2004 BOARD MOTION

This is in response to your request that my office determine the funding needs and possible funding sources to establish the Education Coordinating Council (ECC). On January 27, 2004, your Board officially supported the creation of the ECC. As part of its activities, the ECC will develop a new Education Unit within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or a joint Education Unit between DCFS and Probation that will address the educational needs of foster and probation youth.

The cost of the ECC is estimated at \$150,000 per year, for each of two years. The budget includes staff (a consultant and support) and various service and supplies. Miriam Krinsky, of the Children's Law Center (CLC), worked with Casey Family Programs (Casey) who has tentatively agreed to fund \$75,000, half of the estimated annual costs, this year. Casey only approves spending for periods of one year, but Casey's Los Angeles Field Office will strongly advocate for funding in year two. The CLC is providing in-kind space, equipment (including a computer) and staff supervision and oversight. The Interagency Operations Group (IOG) agreed to contribute \$30,000 annually to the ECC. Both Probation and DCFS agreed to split the remaining \$45,000, each contributing \$22,500 annually for two fiscal years. The multi-agency funding for this project reflects the commitment of a meaningful private-public partnership.

To determine the feasibility of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) contributing to the costs of the Council, my staff contacted the LACOE Superintendent, Dr. Darline Robles. According to Dr. Robles, LACOE is unable to provide a cash contribution towards the Council at this time. The demands on LACOE to implement

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AB 490, which require LACOE to assign staff to assist each local educational agency in the implementation of AB 490, are tremendous. Dr. Robles strongly supports the ECC and agrees that LACOE will play an active supportive role with the Council.

If Casey is not successful with securing funding for the second year, we will return to your Board with additional recommendations.

As the first year funding for the ECC has been identified, implementation will begin very soon. This funding will go a long way towards improving the educational outcomes for foster and Probation youth.

If you have any questions regarding this information provided to you, please contact me or your staff may contact Kathy House at (213) 974-1323.

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